

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled. New claims 12-23 have been added. All pending claims and their status are reproduced below.

1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (New) A computer-implemented method for providing a market price for products sold over a period of time, the method comprising:

accessing over a computer network an on-line marketplace to collect sales data for a plurality of products sold over a period of time, the sales data including an actual sales price of each sold product and a product description;

using the collected sales data to generate for each of a plurality of products similar to the sold products a market price for the product;

receiving from a user a request for a market price of an identified product; and

providing the market price of the identified product to a user from the generated market prices.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the product description for a sold product includes at least one of a general condition of the sold product, a year of manufacture, and a manufacturer.

14. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the market price for the sold product represents a range of prices.

15. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the on-line marketplace is at least one of an Internet auction site and Usenet groups.

16. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the market price for each of the plurality of products is generated using at least one of online price lists for sold products,

buyer's and seller's sales reports, and surveys of participants of commercial transactions for sold products.

17. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the product is a used product.

18. (New) A system for providing a market price for products sold over a period of time, the system comprising:

- an indexing module for accessing over a computer network an on-line marketplace to collect sales data for a plurality of products sold over a period of time, the sales data including an actual sales price of each sold product and a product description;
- a market price generation module for using the collected sales data to generate for each of the plurality of products similar to the sold products a market price for the product; and
- a user interface module for receiving from a user a request for a market price of an identified product and providing the market price of the identified product to the user from the generated market prices.

19. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising a database for storing sales data for the plurality of products sold over a period of time.

20. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the indexing module is further adapted to use the product description of each of the plurality of products to determine whether the system maintains a product description for sold products similar to each of the plurality of products and to update the product description for sold products with the product description of each of the plurality of products similar to the sold products.

21. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the market price for the sold product represents a range of prices.

22. (New) A computer program product comprising:

a computer-readable medium having computer program code embodied therein for providing a market price for products sold over a period of time, the computer program code adapted to:
access over a computer network an on-line marketplace to collect sales data for a plurality of products sold over a period of time, the sales data including an actual sales price of each sold product and a product description;
use the collected sales data to generate for each of a plurality of products similar to the sold products a market price for the product;
receive from a user a request for a market price of an identified product; and
provide the market price of the identified product to a user from the generated market prices.

23. (New) A computer-implemented method for providing a market price for used products sold over a period of time, the method comprising:

accessing over a computer network an on-line resale marketplace to collect sales data for a plurality of used products sold over a period of time, the sales data including an actual sales price of each sold product and a product description;
using the collected sales data to generate for each of a plurality of products similar to the sold products a market price for the product;
receiving from a user a request for a market price of an identified product; and
providing the market price of the identified product to a user from the generated market prices.